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Trachtenberg OKs Ellipse Commencement

Students anticipate Ellipse ceremony

by Dan Gabriel Hatchet Staff Writer

Definitive news Commencement will remain on the Ellipse for the foreseeable future is being met with enthusiasm, and a trace of skepticism, across campus.

Many students said they are elated student input was taken seriously, but added that GW President Stephen Joel

(See FRESHMEN, p. 11)



After President Trachtenberg's decision Friday to keep Commencement on the Ellipse, students enjoyed an early taste of graduation celebration.

SJT commits funding for gala

by Dan Gabriel Hatchet Staff Writer

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg accepted the Commencement Committee's unanimous recommendation to keep the ceremony on the Ellipse this week in a letter to Committee chair John Jenkins, associate dean of the GW Law School.

Our students and others ... in their shared enthusiasm, have made it seem indisputable that GW's Commencement will be held on the Ellipse," Trachtenberg wrote.

Trachtenberg said the Commencement cere-

mony will remain on the Ellipse in future years, barring refusal from the National Parks Service, which oversees the Ellipse and requires the University to submit a request each year.

"Today I have a clear indication of student disposition, and in future years I don't think we necessarily need to pull the plant up by its roots to see how it's doing. The Commencement Committee is history," Trachtenberg said. "They've done a remarkable job with the task I gave them and I have made my decision. We're not going to make this a cottage industry."

Trachtenberg did leave the option open for

(See COMMENCEMENT, p. 11)

Trustees to speak at SA town ha

by Seth Weinert Hatchet Staff Writer

GW students can voice concerns about issues from quality of life to tuition expense during a town hall meeting with members of the University's Board of Trustees Wednesday – two days before the Board votes on next year's tuition cost.

"I want this town hall meeting to serve as an opportunity for the Board to talk to students directly," said Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar, president of the Student Association, which organized the meeting.

The Board of Trustees, which meets three times a year in addition to a summer retreat, will hold its first meeting of the year Friday.

meeting agenda includes a vote on the cost of tuition for the upcoming academic year

The SA will give each Board member a copy of the town hall meeting's minutes, so they will have a tangible source of student feedback, Golparvar said.

"(The Board) will take the students' input and discuss it with the administration," Golparvar said.

Golparvar stressed the importance of reaching out to all members of the University community, since the Board's decisions also direct GW's graduate schools, the GW Law School and

the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The town hall, scheduled for Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom, has been heavily advertised across campus with posters, e-mail announcements and palmcards in residence hall mailboxes, Golparvar said.

In addition to tuition, technology, academics, facilities and other aspects of student life will be discussed.

"It's important to get students' viewpoints on quality-oflife issues," Golparvar said.

attend the town hall meeting mostly sit on the Board's Student Affairs Committee. They include the committee's chair Edward (Skip) W. Gnehm, former SA President Al Park and John Benison.

In November, the SA sponsored a town hall meeting that drew more than 400 students to discuss Commencement. The decision to hold 1998 Commencement on the Ellipse is attributed to the unusually large student outcry over the issue, Golparvar said.

"Thanks to the students who came out to the Commencement town hall meeting, we have Commencement on the Ellipse," he said. "If students come out to this meeting, who knows what'll happen," Golparvar



Josh Presant/Hatchet photographer
Board members slated to Freshman Jasmine Palouick enjoys a surprisingly sunny Sunday as she studies on the Quad.

GW looks into crowded classrooms

Professors may be over-populating rooms by signing in students

by Andrew Ganz

Hatchet Reporter

Freshman class size has swelled during the past decade - creating both a 28 percent increase in first-year students and difficulties keeping the number of students per class low. In April 1997, GW's Department of Academic Affairs created a new position to solve such logistical dilemmas.

Craig Linebaugh, associate vice president for academic planning and special projects, said he is looking in to the class

'I don't think we want to be like the universities of Maryland or Michigan, with classes of 500," Linebaugh said.

Providing a quality education goes hand-in-hand with creating a classroom environment in which students are able to participate, making class size an important consideration, he said.

Sign-in surplus

Each classroom has a maximum capacity, and class sizes are not supposed to surpass that cap. But brimmingover classes still can be caused when professors sign students into rooms that already are filled.

This may be happening too often, Linebaugh said. As former chair of the speech and hearing department, Linebaugh said he instructed professors not to sign anyone into a class before discussing it with him.

"It's like a vicious circle sometimes," said Jean Folkerts, director of the School of Media and Public Affairs. She said students pressure professors to let them into classes, even though they are filled. Then they complain the classes are too big and too crowded, she said.

Accepting extra students usually is left to the discretion of individual professors, Folkerts said. But some department-wide rules exist - and different departments deal with the issue in different ways.

Alia Labib, a sophomore in the School of Business and Public Management, is one of many students to

(See UNIVERSITY, p. 8)

Valentine's Day rules, plus GW's own multi-faced man

Take a knee Men, it's going to be a long week. Before it begins, I believe we all need to pray together. We need a moment of silence for all our fallen comrades. Remember this moment, because by the end of this week, some of you might not be here.

We all have our battles to fight Saturday. In case your girlfriend or significant other hasn't dropped a significant hint by now, remember this: Saturday is Valentine's Day.

What does that mean, exactly? Well, you must wear red. And buy stuff for your significant other. I rec-

ommend flowers, personally.

Some women are reading this and saying, "My boyfriend doesn't need to get me anything." We know that's a big test, that you really don't mean it. We're on to you.

Valentine's Day gift-giving is divided into a few stages everybody should know, so you don't get hosed or hose someone on Valentine's day.

If you met your significant other at a frat party the weekend before, took her home and hooked up with her, the proper gift would be: Your last name and your real phone number. This is stage one. If you met your significant other at a frat party, took her home and tried to hook up with her, the proper gift is: Your respect and a nice dinner. Wearing a tie is not necessary in this, stage 2.

If you have been dating your significant other for more than a month, it gets much more complicated. Stages three through six must be completed very delicately, or you might get hosed.

Stage three comes when you've dated someone from four weeks to seven weeks. In this stage, the proper gift is a frank discussion about the future and a bag of sweetheart candy.
Stage four is monogamous dat-

ing. As for gifts, think two words: milk chocolate. As much as possible, as quickly as possible.

Stage five is the comfortable period, after monogamy sets in. The best gift here is something terribly romantic, like the University of South Carolina baseball cap you wore to the frat party where you met your "other."

Stage six is the fighting stage, when you and your significant other are at the make-or-break point. For a breakup, I recommend this: Knock knock. Who's there? Tryg Not you anymore.

For reconciliation,
I recommend a bottle
of Absolut and a hotel
room. As for direction
after that point, you're on your own.

Remember, men, this is a grossly over-commercialized holiday in existence only to test your merit as a potential husband/boyfriend. Buy Hallmark, chocolate and roses, and you'll make it through to the other side.

On another note, someone brought it to my attention that I didn't mention why you shouldn't vote for Patrick Macmanus in my campaign opener. Well, I like Patrick. He tells a good story.

Patrick Macmanus is a candidate everybody on campus can call their own. If you listen really closely to what he's saying, you can tell.

Patrick Macmanus: He's been a handicapped golfer with a bad leg embroiled in a tremendous legal battle to use a cart on the PGA Tour.

Patrick Macmanus: He's broken up homosexual sex in the Marvin Center bathroom.

He's been a right-wing, prochoice, born-again, unionist, Southern Yankee, elderly, protectionist pacifist. He's been a redneck,

Northern, liberal, ethnic, pro-life, religious, fixed income, no-nukes gun nut. And he's been a woman named Frieda. (Thanks Mr. Breathed.)

Get the picture? It doesn't matter if what he's saying is true, Macmanus can sell you any-

thing. Which is a lot better than the other candidates are doing.

I got a brochure from Jesse Haber talking about what he's going to do when he's elected oligarch. One of his ideas, to have students charge tuition on credit cards, was tried in the past, but it was found to raise tuition!

Is this someone you want in office? Someone who wants to raise tuition?

Wouldn't it be nice if there was a candidate who had realistic goals and didn't exaggerate to the students in order to be elected? Unfortunately, that's stage seven of Valentine's Day: fantasy and role playing.

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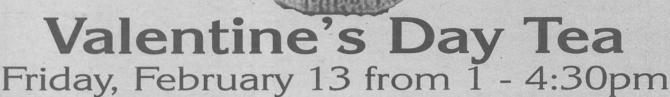
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SA candidate fined for distribution

by Tammy Imhoff Hatchet Staff Writer

Though the deadline for declaring candidacy in this year's student elections is not until Friday, a prospective candidate for Student Association president already has lost more than half her available points for rule infractions.

Sabina Siddiqui was fined by the Joint Elections Committee for two separate rule violations, both involving passing out campaign materials before they received JEC approval. The violations, which involved distributing a campaign sticker and a platform sheet, occurred Jan. 28, and were reported by JEC members Tuesday.

Each violation carries a 15-point fine – and the JEC impounds the campaign paraphernalia in question. Candidates are required to submit a \$50 deposit when they hand in their petitions of candidacy to cover any fines they incur. If a candidate accumulates more than 50 points in fines (a point is equal to one dollar), that candidate is removed from the ballot.

JEC Chair Terry Goddard said Siddiqui was notified of the 30-point fine Wednesday. She may appeal the fine until the close of business Monday.

Siddiqui said she will appeal the fines, adding that at the time the materials were handed out, she and her campaign staff were unaware

they were breaking any rules.

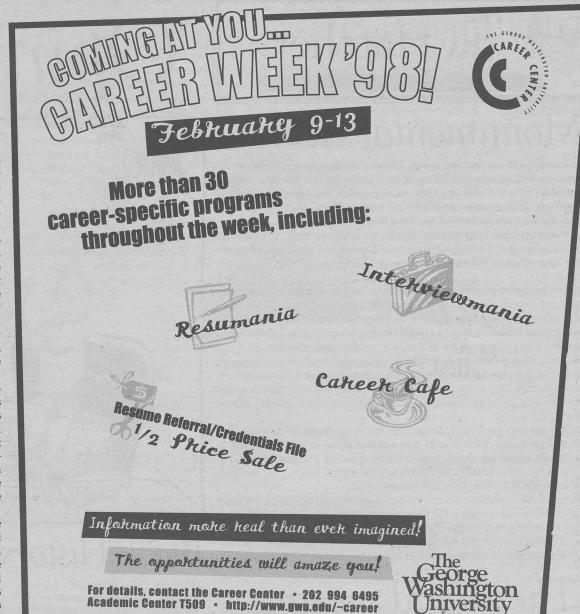
"At that point it wasn't illegal," Siddiqui said. "We had the information on us and if people asked for it, we distributed it."

Eileen Hren, who is serving as Siddiqui's student counsel, said the appeal will cite procedural errors she believes the JEC made in the initial hearing on Siddiqui's rule infractions.

In addition, Hren said that since the JEC charter declares all previous rules and charters null and void, the JEC cannot use the precedent set last year by *Lewis v. JEC*. That case allowed retroactive JEC fining by upholding fines imposed on then-SA presidential candidate Andrew Lewis for distributing campaign material in the Smith Center before he was a registered candidate.

Hren said the JEC rules and charter guarantee candidates the rights outlined for all students in GW's Guide to Students Rights and Responsibilities. Hren contends that students are given the right to distribute pamphlets and information as long as they do not disrupt the normal functioning of the University

"The JEC should have been more careful in drafting the charter and the rules," Hren said. "But since Jan. 30, when the rules came out, we have followed every regulation and rule to the letter. All the allegations against Sabina were for instances occurring before Jan. 30."



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Monumental victory

Students finally can rest assured the Ellipse Commencement tradition will continue - as will Monumental Celebration at Union Station. The final decision came Friday from the ultimate GW decision-maker, President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg. After months of anxiety and heated debate, students can enjoy planning for the Commencement weekend they'd advocated.

Both students and Trachtenberg deserve a pat on the back. Students displayed an amazing and refreshing amount of concern and action on the issue moving from what, in the past, has seemed a hermitage of apathy and noninvolvement

Student leaders displayed actual leadership. They organized the hugely successful Commencement town hall meeting in November, which drew about 400 students as well as several members of the Commencement Committee.

Our student leaders listened to their constituents and made a positive difference - let's hope this energy will continue on other important issues.

Trachtenberg is to be commended for listening to students when making his final decision, and especially for rejecting the Commencement Committee's recommendation to do away with a University-subsidized Monumental Celebration. It is quite satisfying to see students' opinions listened to and

But it is not over yet. The challenge now falls to students. Trachtenberg has said that if graduates, their friends and families show in small numbers to Monumental Celebration, it will cease in future years. All students are urged to go to the party - non-seniors can celebrate with friends moving on, and preserve the ritzy gala for their own Commencements.

Monumental Celebration offers a chance to get dressed up, dance, eat good food and have an all-around good time in Union Station's impressive setting. Similarly, everyone still in town should go to the Commencement on the Ellipse. Students have earned the right to enjoy the fruits of their labor. The only thing that remains is to convince Mother Nature to go along with our plans.

The Board meeting

This Wednesday, students will have the rare opportunity to interact with some of the people directly responsible for GW's policies and direction. Members of the University's Board of Trustees will attend a town hall meeting in the Marvin Center Ballroom at 9 p.m.

The meeting is especially important because it comes two days before the Board will decide next year's tuition cost. Last year's steep 6.9 percent increase sparked student protest after the Board had approved the hike in principle. Students now can let Board members know their thoughts before the deal is done. This is an opportunity students should not pass up.

This meeting is an uncommon event. While some of the Board members are well known in professions, most students can barely name one or two members. By meeting some of the Board's members, students will be able humanize the seemingly faceless Board - and Board members likely will appreciate an opportunity to interact with those most affected by their decisions.

The impression they get from students may be able to influence their votes 48 hours later.

Since the Board also determines the tuition of the law and medical schools, all students should make an effort to attend the meeting. It is a chance for students to let the Board know how tuition increases affect their lives.

Some may argue that this meeting will be pointless - that tuition will be raised regardless of the emotions and opinions of students. But this meeting is a significant accomplishment. For the first time students will be face to face with key GW leaders. It would be a terrible missed opportunity if students fail to show up in large numbers at the meeting. Wednesday, 9 p.m. at the Marvin Center Ballroom. Be there and make your voice heard.

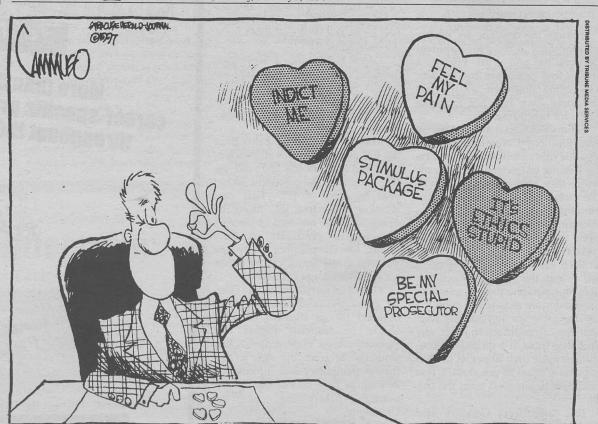
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Black History Month is a sad necessity

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. -February. The shortest month of the

It is also the month set aside to remind America that its history involves African Americans.

Once every year, Americans need to be reminded that "white" isn't the only right and that blacks are more

than Puff Daddys and Michael Jordans. Even African Americans, suffering from short-term memory, need to be reminded of their own

African Americans are just as much a part of this country as European Americans, a.k.a. white people. For the remainder of the year, black history is swept under the rug.

The mere existence of Black History Month is an obvious indicator that this country is not a multicultural nation. Of whom do

you think when asked to picture the typical American? I won't lie. The first picture that comes to my mind is a Caucasian individual.

Subsequently, if only white people are from America, where are black people from? Negro Land? It's about time African-American history, along with other minority groups' histories, finally is integrated into American history

Let me rephrase that a bit: Will the true American history please step forward?

Black History Month, For

shows. "Sanford and Son," "The Bill Cosby Show" and "The Arsenio Hall Show" are three of the "chosen ones."

The network describes these shows as pioneers of television. Then why not have these black shows as part of the usual lineup if they are so great? Why only throughout February?

MONTH?! WHAT

HISTORY MONTH?

television shows.

YOU MEAN THE OTHER ELEVEN MONTHS OUT OF THE YEAR?

Racial issues will go back to being topics too taboo to talk about. African-American history will be forgotten until next year. And I'll have to rely on the library more often to further educate myself.

If this country were as inclusive as it claims to be, the average American

we'd all picture could be anyone. Our history books wouldn't only serve the white male perspective. We would not need to February aside to remember that American history is composed of the achievements and failures of more than Caucasians.

During February, I get a small taste of what this country should aspire to be. More

blacks are featured on television. Issues of race are discussed. African-American museums are frequented by more non-Blacks. Though many people couldn't care less that it's Black History Month, more people learn about and acknowledge the significance of black history during this month than any other part of the year.

Now all we need to do is extend this celebration to every other nonwhite and have this sense of pride and achievement remain with us year-round.

At the very least, this would be a

-Nnedi Okorafor is a student at Michigan State University.

During this brief month, black faces suddenly will appear on television shows in small abundance. More discussion about issues of race will ensue. Field trips will be made to African-American museums. The number of activities on campus centered around topics facing African Americans will rise. Even African-American legends will be paid tribute

Nevertheless, come March 1, these accolades all will vanish. African Americans once again will become second-class citizens, rap-Nickelodeon's "Nick at Night" series pers and basketball players to the is featuring a variety of black shows along with its usual lineup of classic go back to airing primarily white

to and remembered.

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Homecoming issue sent right message on booze

"Sixty-seven percent

of college students

do not binge drink."

Henderson

the weekend events paralleling GW's Homecoming celebration. Too often, Homecoming becomes synonymous with drinking until one cannot see straight.

Dana

Prevention Center, I am pleased to see that GW students can be openminded about their weekend activities and promote aspects of D.C. nightlife for those who choose to without socialize alcohol.

As a campus publication, The GW Hatchet has the power to influence

norms and perceptions about how the "typical" GW student chooses to pass time each weekend. Stories such as "Good times exist beyond drinking" (Jan. 29, p.G1) and ones that call for safety measures when choosing to engage in the "bar scene fun," empower students to make decisions they value and are not the result of an imaginary peer pressure to drink.

A recent national study by the CORE Institute on Alcohol and Other Drugs stated that 67 percent of college students do not binge drink. The same study, conducted on our campus, resulted in even more positive findings about the percentage of students who choose to use alcohol responsibly and refrain from illicit drug use.

Thus, The Hatchet did an excellent job representing our population with suggestions about the numer-

Thank you for your coverage of ous ways to take advantage of D.C. without drinking. Also, there was a review of the bars, including safety tips for travel between campus and the chosen hangout - as some of our students do choose to socialize in As manager of the Substance such an environment. The overall

theme was "if you choose to drink, do it legally and safely."

Granted, it is a bit odd that such advocacy is coupled by an overload of mixedmessage advertisements by bars that have "allyou-can-drink" specials and are "stumbling dis-

tance" from campus. Yet, these establishments encourage patrons to drink responsibly, which is a bit

The Substance Abuse Prevention Center, located in 101 Fulbright Hall, offers a free publication entitled "Where the Good Times Are," which lists the many wonderful alcohol-free activities, establishments and events that the D.C. metro area has to offer college stu-

From gourmet desserts to outdoor adventures to the perfect date, "Where the Good Times Are" offers a variety of listings appealing to all

I invite all students to stop by for a free copy and a tour of our new facility in the first floor of Fulbright

-The writer is manager of the Substance Abuse Prevention Center.

Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday

proposed tuition increase for next year. Traditionally, when voting, the Trustees have had no major access to student views on the tuition issue or budget priorities.

However, this year things will be different. The Student Association will host several members of the Board of Trustees this Wednesday at a town hall meeting for students. On February 11 at 9:00 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom, we will have an unprecedented chance to effect how GW Trustees think and vote. Wednesday's town hall will be a great opportunity for you to Kuyomak directly voice your concerns and make them count.

This year, students proved just how effective SA town hall meet-

ings can be. By far, the most successful town hall dealt with the Commencement issue. When members of the Commencement Committee saw just how passionately more than 400 students felt about the future of Commencement, it was obvious what their decision had to be. The Student Association did its part to ensure students' voices could be heard, and because

This week the Board of Trustees will vote on the students came out in big numbers, our input could not be ignored.

Students can apply pressure on the tuition issue as well. From day one of this school year, the SA has set the groundwork for student voices to be considered.

For the first time ever, we surveyed students about their budget priorities and met with President Trachtenberg and the administration about how to incorporate student needs into GW's budget.

Those efforts represented a large step along the road to progress. But now I am asking you to take the next big step and come voice your concerns about tuition and other matters at Wednesday's town hall

Because students spoke out, Commencement remained on the Ellipse and graduation fees did not go up one cent.

Likewise, tuition should not go up one cent without student needs being fully considered. The SA town hall this Wednesday at 9 p.m. in the Marvin Center Ballroom will be your most important opportunity to have your voice heard directly. Just imagine the impact students can have if we attend in full force.

-The writer is president of the Student Association.

vulnerable to missile

Maybe President Clinton was weary from fighting off countless attacks on his character or from the strain of being marginalized in his second term, but his State of the Union address missed the mark on the most important issue facing the security of the United States in the near future and beyond.

While the economy is steaming ahead, unemployment and inflation are at record lows and the budget is on the verge of being balanced, the United States still remains completely vulnerable to attack by ballistic

Though most Americans remain in the dark on this pivotal issue, the truth is that if missiles were launched at the United States whether by accident or design and carrying nuclear, biological or chemical weapons - we could do nothing to stop it.

Our president could do little else except watch millions of his citizens die before his eyes. Even worse is the fact that our current administration has made it clear that it plans to maintain our state of vulnerability. With our today's technology and a marginal investment, the United States could have the beginnings of a true national missile defense system, while protecting our troops abroad, by 2001.

The case for a missile defense system is made every day by rogue nations around the world. The Gulf War showed that the United States can not be defeated in head-to-head competition. These nations will thus need a threat the United States cannot defeat. This was poignantly said by the Indian Army Chief of Staff: "The lesson of Desert Storm is don't mess with the U.S. without a nuclear

Many nations have heeded this warning and are developing the capability to inflict untold tragedy upon the United States. More than 20 states are attempting to develop these technologies and by 2002, more than a dozen nations worldwide will have that capability, while the United States still will

be defenseless.

Even in the post-Cold War world, the greatest danger still is posed by Russia. Not only has it inherited thousands of weapons from the Soviet Union, still poised to decimate the United States, but Russia also has embarked on a nuclear weapons modernization unmatched by anything in the West. Russia now is developing at least six new strategic weapons systems. Among these are a new mobile intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM),

Brandon Wales

a new ballistic missile submarine and an advanced submarine launched ballistic missile.

This, combined with Russia's continuing program of improving and expanding its defensive system of underground blast shelters, hardened to let commanders and key industries survive a nuclear war, show that it is still preparing to fight and win a nuclear war with the United States.

Opponents of missile defense wrongly portray it as a piece of science fiction that will cost trillions of dollars and will not work. That scenario is far from the truth. For a truly effective and economical solution, we should be deploying a system, first by sea, then in space.

The Navy already has invested \$50 billion in the AEGIS fleet airdefense system, aboard our 22 AEGIS cruisers. For a small investment of \$2 billion, less than 1 percent of the defense budget, we could have interceptors on all 22 AEGIS cruisers by 2001 – creating a limited global missile defense capability for the United States and our forces

The AEGIS cruiser already has proven its ability. On January 24, 1997, it intercepted a ballistic missile during a test in New Mexico and the

system has yet to be upgraded to make it a fully-functioning missile defense platform. No ground-based system, the one currently being pursued by Clinton and his cohorts, can adequately track a ballistic missile, which is why a space-based tracking system is so vital to any missile defense system. Only a space-based system can provide universal coverage and do so at a fraction of the cost of a ground-based system.

The biggest stumbling block to a missile defense system is the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty of 1972, between the United States and the Soviet Union (a nation that no longer exists), which bans any system that can intercept a strategic ballistic missile.

Though the United States still is bound by this treaty, which has been violated by the Soviet Union since its inception, it is a relic of the Cold War which has no place in a world of multiple proliferating nations. It was designed to keep a balance between the United States and the USSR, but today it perpetuates U.S. vulnerability in the face of increasing danger.

Instead of ending this flawed arrangement, President Clinton has negotiated to strengthen it by expanding its reach to ban certain theater missile defense systems which intercept short range missiles, like the SCUD missiles that killed 29 U.S. troops during the Gulf War.

The United States has the need and the ability to protect itself. It is simply a matter of will. This spring it is likely the Senate will vote on President Clinton's changes to the ABM Treaty giving missile defense supporters the opportunity finally to rid ourselves of that dreadful accord. Once we are free to defend our homeland, we must begin the process of protecting all of our citizens from the danger of missile attack.

The legacy of the Cold War should not be to further lock ourselves into a doctrine of mutual suicide; it is our obligation to safeguard our nation.

-The writer is a junior majoring in political science.

Safety: key GW issue

increase in use of the campus escort service from 1996-1997 to 1997-1998, Student the Association will introduce a resoto the University

Police Department. One of GW students' main concerns is the inability of the campus escort system to students

from one off-campus location to ity Service Aide program, and another off-campus location, within approved campus boundaries. Another main concern is the amount of time students must wait for the escort service.

Lacking resources keep these important issues unresolved. The security resolution encourages the University to allocate resources to implement off-campus to off-campus escorts, in addition to reducing the time students wait to be picked up. UPD has shown a genuine concern for all students with the quick implementation of the Campus Lighting Improvement

Because of the 68 percent Project, sponsored by the SA director of security affairs, Scott

In order to make sure the optimum level of security is achieved, lution to increase resources given cooperation between students

and UPD must take place.

The resolution also encourages a continued improvement of the Commun-

more student education about campus safety.

Schedules for the shuttle buses, as well as signs outside designated shuttle bus buildings, are yet another aspect of the campus escort service that can be implemented. Also encouraged are continued improvements of GW's physical security infrastruc-

Campus security is an issue that affects every single student at this University.

-The writer is an SA senator and a member of the Student Security Advisory Team.

IMPRESSIONS

Aquabat superheroes play ska and battle snakes, giant squids and twoheaded cats.



Aquabats depend too much on silliness, humor to succeed

by Heather Hare

Arts Editor

like self-proclaimed superheroes than a band, Aquabats is an entertaining group, though its musical talent is not apparent.

The best thing about these eight freaks music review the world. The lyrics is their warped view of on The Fury of the Aquabats (Time Bomb Records) make it clear these are not normal people. And only in the world of ska could they gain any sort of recognition.

Though the group plays ska, Aquabats can not be lumped together with bands

Pietasters or Hepcat. The band mingles ska, a little rap and some They Might Be Giants. Exclamation marks at the end of every song title are a glimpse at what makes this group different.

'Powdered Milk Man!" is one of the weirder songs lyrically. No one likes powdered milk, but the band makes it evil. 'There's a drink around town/And it tastes like Foo ... Breakfast cereal turns to Soup/Tastes like puke.

After listening to the Mediterraneansounding "Attacked by Snakes!" it becomes abundantly clear that these cats are not only odd, but also paranoid. Add to their fear of thousands of snakes ringing the doorbell, their fear of a giant squid pulling their train into the water, and

like the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, the there's no contesting group members' mental state.

> But then again, they are the superheroes. They seem to believe they've been pitted against everything from magic chickens to cats with two heads.

> As for the music, it's a little on the harder side of ska. Horns are very present in every song. The fast-paced music is accompanied by a mediocre singer.

> But that really isn't a problem. Aquabats' downfall is in the members' complete lack of seriousness. While a band can be pretty much all fun and games, a point comes when it needs to recognize a little bit of reality. This band takes nothing, not even its music, seriously. Even a new listener can see that. But, hey, it's fun for a little while.

New play addresses contemporary topics

by Catherine Feeny

Hatchet Reporter

n "Playing Juliet/Casting Othello," writer Caleen Sinnette Jennings explores contemporary issues of race and identity with style and grace in the ultra-traditional context of Shakespearean tragedy.

Jennings presents the audience with a sort of meta-theater; both plays are about putting on plays. In "Playing Juliet," Kila D. Burton gives life to the character Georgia, an African-American actress who feels increasingly uncomfortable playing Juliet, in "Romeo and Juliet," as opening night draws near. The role, she says, has been typecast as a beautiful, young, white woman. Georgia simultaneously struggles with her negative self image and with societal constructions that label

Scott Leonard Fortune engages the audience as Georgia's disapproving boyfriend Jimmy. He threatens to leave her if she continues the play, fearful she will disgrace herself and disrespect him. Fortune manages to convey charisma and charm even through Jimmy's anger.

dark-skinned women ugly.

"Othello" is more familiar territory for a dialogue about racial attitudes. "Casting Othello" includes the same cast as "Playing Juliet," with the actors playing the same roles. The play centers around the search for an actor to play the lead role in Shakespeare's dark play about deception and murder. The conversation centers around typical interpretations of the Othello character as a primitive exotic.

Believe it or not, Jennings, director Lisa Rose Middletone and the cast manage to inject humor into the serious subject manner. The plays turns farcical as certain characters' feelings for each other turn from hate to love, as in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

The acting is a bit overdone in parts, and the exaggerated air of tension among the characters at times overshadows the humor and intellect of the plays. Yet overall, the production proves both enjoyable and thought-provoking. In "Playing Juliet/Casting Othello," Jennings broaches sensitive topics with admirable grace.

The plays were a co-production of the Folger Shakespeare Library and the Source Theater Company, and ran January 9 through February 1 at the Folger Elizabethan Theatre.

Puff Daddy exerts influence on music industry in '97

The musician has been called 'Renaissance man,' but 'Revolutionary man' is more fitting

by Lesly C. Hallman Hatchet Staff Writer

ike it or not, 1997 was the year of the Puff Daddy. The 26-year-old founder and CEO of Bad Boy Entertainment powerfully impacted the

commentary

music industry last year.

And his presence has been felt beyond the hip hop industry. In 1997, Puffy took production credits for acts such as Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men, staples on the pop and adult contemporary charts. His influence is inescapable - and will stay that way for a while.

How good or bad this is for music fans is on the covers of VIBE, debatable. Many music fans were sick of seeing him in video after video for songs that did-

n't carry his name directly. So he just went and made a multi-platinum album to shoot his own videos.

weeks Arista Records, Bad released a promotional album titled

"Puffy" Combs: Changing the Sound of Popular Music. It was yet another opportunity to ensure he isn't forgotten in the

Puffy found himself Rolling Stone, The Source and The Los Angeles Times Magazine - and featured in USA Today and countless other publications last year.

Russell Simmons of "Def Jam" talked about selling the "'Def Jam' way of life." If Puffy has a similar goal for Bad Boy, his ever-growing Boy's parent number of protégés

Kim, The Lox and the deceased Notorious B.I.G. all have helped him solidify his stand-

For example, this week five albums on Billboard's Top 200 charts are either Bad Boy artists or sport some Puffy production. "Been Around the World" from Puffy's No Way Out is still number five on the Top 100 Singles charts. It's been there for 11 weeks.

And just last week, another tour featuring



could help him reach it. Mace, Faith, 112, Lil' Puff Daddy and the Family was announced for this March. The last tour sold out arenas acros the country, and the upcoming tour is slated to be even bigger.

The Bad Boy Web site, http://www.badboy-ent.com, calls Puffy a true renaissance man. A revolutionary man is much more appropriate. Simmons' desire to sell a certain lifestyle has been far overshadowed by a young man who doesn't even talk about it. Puffy just did it.

College Democrats, Socialists counter KKK

by Kathryn Maese Hatchet Staff Writer

s the clock hands neared 1:30 p.m., fathers raised children onto their shoulders. Those who had not already reached higher ground strained on tip-toe to catch a glimpse of the Klansmen.

"Mommy says that they look like ghosts," piped a young Caucasian girl seated on her fathers' shoulders.

Only an even row of dull, gray-brown helmets was visible from within the swelling crowd. The sullen sun peeked through the clouds and reflected off a riot shield, sending off an intermittent glimmer.

The tension in the air was almost palpable. An old war was

In this battle, the peace keepers were equipped with guns and gas masks; the combatants were armed with bullhorns and ideologies. It could have been 1968, at the height of the civil

But it wasn't.

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Braving the frigid cold to "unite and fight," as one sign read, almost 50 GW students took part in Saturday's Ku Klux Klan counter-protest in Annapolis. The students said they wanted to counter the pejorative ideology of the white supremacist group.

According to some media estimates, more than 1,000 people turned out to counter a nationwide Klan protest of Black History Month. Klan attendance was gauged at about 40.

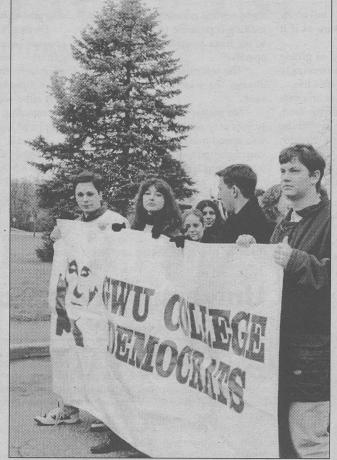
'Overall, the most important thing was us being there at the rally," counter-protest organizer Caitlin Connolly said. "Not the fact that there was a Klan meeting, but that there were more than 1,000 people there to say to the Klan that they're not wel-

At 11 a.m. Saturday, two yellow school buses parked in front of Funger Hall. Students climbed aboard, and the group set out for Annapolis. In the bus, discussions of free speech, revolution and the possibility of being arrested were the only indicators the students were headed for something other than a high school field trip.

The GW group included members of the College Democrats and the International Socialist Organization, and others who wanted to lend support to the cause.

"I didn't come with an agenda," said Megan Sullivan, 19. "I came as a human being.

'Hopefully this will not just be a one-day event." ISO member Barak Epstein, 19, said. Epstein said that his organization wants to link the counter-protest to larger issues like racism, affirmative action and poverty. The group is scheduled to pre-



College Democrats Ed DiMarzio, Victoria Levin, Marc Shaller and Robert Tankersley march against the KKK.

sent "Can We Ever Get Rid of Racism?" Feb. 11.

In Annapolis, shivering from the frigid morning air and excitement, GW students joined the steadily growing crowd.

Maryland state troopers in black riot gear stood at rigid attention along Main Street, their impassive faces revealing little as a group of protesters chanted, "Cops and Klan go hand in

hand. Cops and Klan go hand in hand."

A slew of signs with slogans like "R.I.P. KKK," "Unite and Fight" and "Down with the Klan by any means necessary," were raised high as the march began.

Photographers, TV cameras and reporters swarmed along the sidelines of the protest. GW student and ISO organizer

Heather Saslovsky led the chant, which echoed down quaint streets lined with upscale brick real estate offices, banks and

"Hey hey ho ho," shouted Saslovsky over a bullhorn. The crowd responded with an enthusiastic, "KKK has got to go."

Protesters were as different as their songs, the color of their faces and the ideas of their generations, but all marched against the racism they attach to the Ku Klux Klan.

Gay, straight, black, white, all unite and fight the right," was the battle cry of the moment.

A spirit possessed the crowd – a sense of doing right, rectifying old wrongs and fighting against racial injustice.

But as the GW protesters approached the barricaded block where the counter-protest was to take place, some remembered what College Democrat Ed DiMarzio had said earlier in the

"We're not anticipating anything dangerous happening, but we have to think of our safety," DiMarzio warned.

Passing through the wall of metal detectors and onto the protest ground was like passing through a portal in time, back

The scene resembled a black-and-white photograph in a history book, evoking images of what Alabama or Mississippi might have looked like in the 60s. Police with attack dogs formed a human barricade, tempering some of the crowd's

A clipped voice barked orders over a walkie-talkie. A German shepherd barked. A police helicopter hovered overhead, competing with half a dozen bullhorns. After standing shoulder-to-shoulder for more than 30 minutes, the crowd tensed and a stillness settled as the hour grew later. The group had an appointment with the Klan.

"KKK get out of town," began a renewed chant. "We are here to shut you down.'

Nervous glances were cast at the upper floors of surrounding buildings, revealing police sharpshooters and video cameras watching over the gathering like hawks.

At noon, the flowing white robes and pointed hats failed to materialize. Less than half a block away, behind the police barricade and a line of three buses parked bumper-to-bumper, a Grand Dragon Klan leader stood with Oregon-based KKK

But counter-protesters could not see the Klan. Frustration with the no-show Klan seeped through the crowd, even as they chanted against an unseen enemy.

"It was definitely difficult not being able to see the Klan," Connolly said. "I kept looking for any sign of movement behind the buses. As soon as I thought I saw something, my blood boiled."

Although the event did not go exactly as planned, GW organizers said they were pleased that the police managed to enforce safety and relative order, with the exception of three arrests. GW senior Chris Johnson was among those arrested. (see related story, this page)

A few Klan supporters managed to create a frenzy by throwing a Confederate flag into the crowd. The flag was shredded and burned by counter-protesters.

The two groups exchanged chants and shouts once more before the protest broke up and ended in a brief rap session.

"Racism has been institutionalized for too long in this country," Epstein proclaimed through a bullhorn. "It's time we institutionalize anti-racism.

The GW group boarded the buses cold, tired and thought-

"It was a good experience for me," Marjorie Mills, 20, said. "I didn't come with any ulterior motives. I just wanted to support a good cause. I was happy to see that so many parents brought their children out."

As the crowds continued to disperse, the young white girl who sat atop her father's shoulders earlier in the day slept soundly in his arms. Clutched to her chest was a black baby

photo by Mamta Jain/Hatchet photographer **When the KKK** arrived in Annapolis to decommemorate Black History Month, more than 1,000 braved the cold to oppose white supremacy.



by Megan Stack

Features Editor

police barricades during Saturday's anti-Ku one another. Klux Klan rally in Annapolis.

"I don't do things halfway," explained Johnson, an economics major. "I got caught up in the moment."

Johnson was arrested by Maryland state police and charged with disorderly conduct for failure to obey a lawful order. He was released Saturday afternoon after promising to appear in court. He has never been arrested

GW senior arrested protesting Klan

"I decided that I wanted to see what was going on," Johnson said. "The whole point was to let them (the KKK) feel stupid, to let them be seen by us. They should know that

people don't like them." Johnson insisted that he did not plan to fight physically with the Klansmen. He only wanted to be seen, he said.

"I wanted them to speak to me and tell me

why the white man is superior to other Police barricades and buses were posi-races," Johnson said. "Even if they had hit GW senior Chris Johnson was one of three tioned between the KKK and the opposition me, I would have fallen down and been hit. people arrested for leaping over four-foot at the rally. The two groups were unable to see For me it wasn't a violent thing, it wasn't

> Johnson was apprehended by police after climbing to the ground on the KKK side of the plastic wall. He was led away, handcuffed and taken to the sheriff's office.

> "I spent about four or five hours in jail with this other guy," Johnson said. "He was a little strange, telling me the whole time about how Ronald Reagan was the evil force of society. He said that Ronald Reagan wanted to

besiege the black man with drugs."

After his release, Johnson got a ride to the New Carrollton Metro station and returned to

Johnson said that he hopes to be represented by an attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union. He believes the charges will be dismissed, he said.

"I think they just wanted to charge me with something," Johnson said. "There was probably an arrest quota or something."

Johnson was disappointed so few protesters followed him over the barricade, he said.

"I think they (the KKK) would have run away if they could have seen that they were outnumbered," Johnson said. "They seem to be a bunch of cowards."

Harvey ponders life in last lecture

by Shannon Warznak

Hatchet Reporter

Dr. Kerric Harvey, director of the Electronic Media Program, gave her "last lecture" to students and faculty Wednesday.

Drawing from personal experiences and her research into the influences of social and popular culture, Harvey created a lecture that explored the concept of a last lecture

The Last Lecture Series invites

noted members of the University their actions on other people - and community to give a lecture as if it was their last.

Harvey called the idea of giving such a lecture an "unnervingly minute retrospection on one's life.

"The end of anything is an over-whelming concept," Harvey said, explaining how hard it is "to be aware of life as one lives it - breath by precious breath."

Harvey said people often foist themselves to the center of everything, blocking out the impact of making it possible to lose the ability to see from an entirely different per-

"The information we have is not always the wisdom we need," she

"No matter what aspect of finality you may achieve, my wish is that you spend a night or two reframing your habitual world, doing things as it were your last time," Harvey said.

Harvey admonished listeners to heed the advice of scientist Albert

"Discover that there are two ways to live one's life - as is everything is not remarkable, and as if

During last lectures, any topic the speaker wants to discuss is open game - and different speakers approach the lecture in different ways. Speakers and audience members alike are invited to contemplate the meaning of their actions and triumphs in higher learning.

Harvey, who said she was "incredibly flattered" to be included on the list of speakers - which has included GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis - took full advantage of her chance to ponder exactly what her last lecture would include.



Josh Presant/Hatchet photographer **Kerric Harvey**



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University investigates class overcrowding

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register for classes via professorial sign-ins.

No one has ever given me a hard time about signing me into a class," Labib said. At least three times, she said she has been shut out of a class when registering by phone, but eventually was able to get in by asking instructors to sign add/drop registration forms.

"Even though the classes seem pretty crowded already, it has never been a problem," Labib said.

Finding classroom space is difficult during the week, from Monday through Thursday, Folkerts said.

'It's very easy to find classroom space on Friday morning, but I've tried to schedule courses on Friday morning and nobody will sign up for them, no matter how desperate they are," Folkerts said.

Linebaugh said overcrowding also may be exacerbated by having too few chairs per classroom.

Packed classes also could stem from simultaneous electronic registration, Linebaugh said. If two students register

for the same class over the phone at the same time, both may be accepted into the class - though space existed for

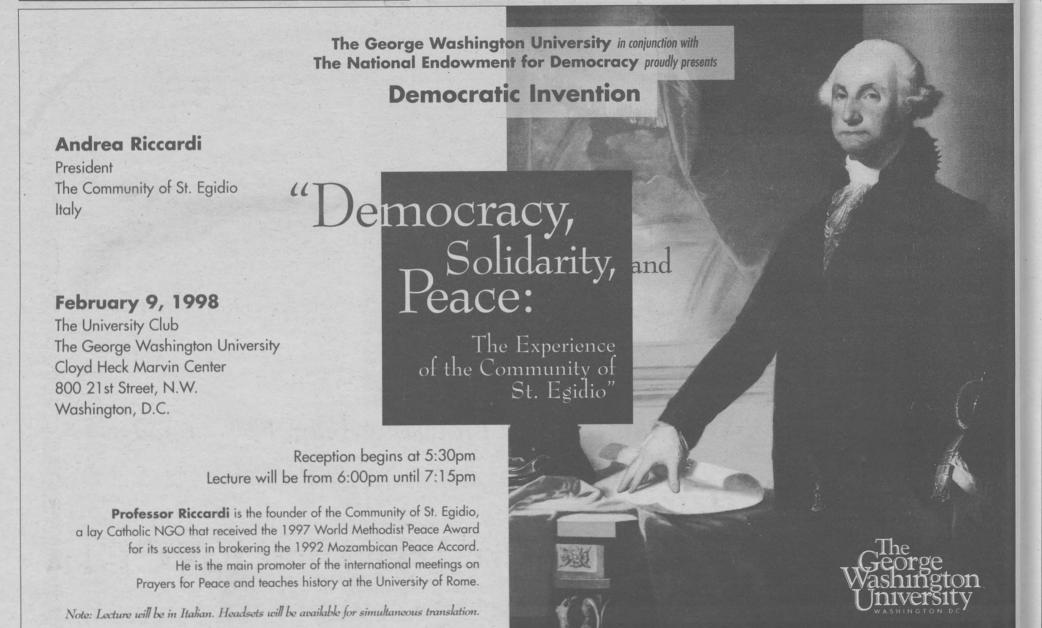
Cyber solution

Linebaugh offers a few possible solutions to the crowded classroom dilemma.

When particular sections of a class fill up, departments then simply can request the dean of that school add extra sections, Linebaugh said.

If only a few students get shut out of a class, they are urged to take the course during a future semester, unless the student needs the class immediately to graduate, he

Linebaugh also sees electronic technology as a viable answer to the increasing limitations on traditional class discussions. He said that in many cases, participation in some teachers' "cyber" classrooms surpasses those in actu-



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May, 1992 – GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg creates a unified Commencement ceremony on the Ellipse.

May, 1995 – Lightning storm cancels the Commencement ceremony on the Ellipse, leaving many parents and students upset about the lack of a backup plan.

April, 1997 – The GW Hatchet reports discussion of moving Commencement to MCI Center, a new arena being built in downtown Washington.

November, 1997 -Trachtenberg forms a 30-member committee to evaluate Commencement Weekend and possible alternative venues for the ceremony.

November 18, 1997 – More than 400 students attend a Commencement town hall meeting, voicing concern about a possible move to the MCI Center.

December 2, 1997 - The MCI Center opens its

December 9, 1997 -Committee members and concerned students tour the MCI Center. GW Law School Associate Dean John Jenkins, the Committee's chair, says, "Because of the over-whelming student desire to have it on the Ellipse, I would suspect, based on that, that it will be the consensus of the Committee."

January 15, 1998 - The Hatchet reports that on the day before a recommendation is scheduled, the Committee still lacks cost information for the MCI Center.

Commencement Timeline

January 16, 1998 - In a unanimous decision, the Commencement Committee recommends keeping Commencement on the Ellipse and discontinuing University funding of Monumental Celebration. Students buying their own regalia

and other fees are pro-

February 6, 1998 – In a letter to Jenkins, Trachtenberg announces his support of Commencement on the Ellipse and commits University funding for Monumental Celebration.

-Source: The GW Hatchet and "Report to the President from the Commencement Committee'



Commencement set for Ellipse 'rain or

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moving the ceremony from the Ellipse down the

road, saying he can't "predict the future."

Breaking from the Committee's recommendation, Trachtenberg pledged University financial support for the Union Station Monumental Celebration held the night before Commencement.

"At least for 1998, I think we should try to continue the Monumental Celebration at Union Station ... and I therefore commit to finding the money to provide support for that event this year," Trachtenberg wrote.

The Commencement Committee, which submitted its report several weeks ago, had recommended the money the University spends on Monumental Celebration be used to defray the cost of the Ellipse ceremony.

Currently, the gala costs the University \$60,000 more than what is collected in revenue from ticket sales, according to the Committee's

But after reviewing the recommendations, Trachtenberg said he felt canceling University funding for the gala this year would be too

"I did some sniffing around and I came to the conclusion that we may have to charge a lit-tle more for the tickets, but I think we can swing

the celebration," he said. Trachtenberg said the tickets may cost \$50. He said he expects to "scrape" money out of several different budgets around campus and possibly raise some from outside sources, like

But he also noted that much will depend on the gala's popularity this year when it is time to decide whether the celebration will be University-sponsored in the future.

"If it turns out that only a small number attend, then students will be voting with their feet," Trachtenberg said. "We're going to test empirically the attraction of the Monumental



Hatchet file photo

The class of 1998 anticipates tossing their mortar boards on the Ellipse.

Trachtenberg said he will continue to use the backup plan for Commencement that has been in place since the 1995 ceremony was canceled because of a lightning storm. He said the idea of using the MCI Center as a backup plan was "financially implausible."

If Commencement is stormed out, graduates will attend a ceremony in the Smith Center, while a limited number of guests watch a cable broadcast of the ceremony in locations across campus – like Lisner Auditorium and J Street.

The Committee's other fiscal recommenda-

tions, such as the Commencement Application Fee, will be put in place next year, Trachtenberg said. The fee, which will be a minimum of \$50, will be set by the registrar's office and paid by every student receiving a degree, whether they decide to attend the ceremony or not.

In addition, students will be responsible for purchasing their own regalia from the GW Bookstore starting this year, at a price of \$16.50 for undergraduates and \$32 for graduate students. This will save the University \$87,000, according to the Committee's recommendaTrachtenberg's decision brings a close to the review process which began in October 1997 – when he convened the Committee to review the cost of Commencement events and the University's method of funding these events, among other tasks.

One major task was to consider the benefits of the MCI Center as an alternative Commencement venue.

During the past few months, the Committee met four times, and a Commencement town hall meeting drew an outspoken student crowd of about 400 students to Funger Hall.

'I can say for myself how touched I have been by the dramatic and widespread student endorsement of the Ellipse as our Commencement site. I am delighted by this example of school spirit," Trachtenberg wrote.

According to the Committee's report, almost

1,000 people responded to a survey conducted over the University's e-mail system, and more than 900 people signed a petition requesting Commencement remain on the Ellipse.

'In the collective experience of Committee members at the University, rarely has such an intense display of student sentiment been seen," the Committee wrote.

"One would have to go back to the days of student protests over the Vietnam War – or to the aftermath of the 1995 Commencement – to find a precedent. This is a great testimonial to the positive change in student culture and attitude at GW in the last decade, and Committee members were immensely gratified to learn how much current students care about their University," according to the report.

"It's living testimony of our capacity to engage in fruitful and civil discourse on even a most difficult subject," Trachtenberg said of the

Committee's report. Trachtenberg wrote that he already is taking one step to ensure a successful Commencement.

"I have already begun to pray on a daily basis for a divine order that makes every Commencement day a glory of sunshine."

Freshmen look forward to Ellipse

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Trachtenberg's decision only fulfills a University promise from recruitment brochures that read, You will graduate on the Ellipse.

'All the promotional material we got when they recruited us to come here says, 'You will, you will, you will.' But now it seems like the school is saying, 'You might,' " said junior Heath Schmidt. "It doesn't seem like the administration has been entirely cooperative in their listening to

Some students, especially freshmen, are concerned the word from Rice Hall may change before they graduate.

"I hope my class doesn't get lost in the shuffle," said freshman Anslie Stokes. "This year and ext year, yeah, but by the time I graduate, I don't know where Commencement will be.

They're eventually going to get their way and their way is the MCI Center," Stokes said. "Logistically it makes sense and it's not going to get ruined by rain."

Justin Bennett-MacCubbin, a senior and member of the Commencement Committee, said he is pleased with Trachtenberg's decision.

They thought they could get away with (moving Commencement to the MCI Center)

without student input," Bennett-MacCubbin said. "They were fools to try."

Student Association President Kuyomars 'Q" Golparvar lauded Trachtenberg's decision to continue funding Monumental Celebration.

'I'm ecstatic that Monumental Celebration will go on, and I strongly hope students will take part in the festivities," said Golparvar, who served on the Commencement Committee that recommended halting University subsidization of the Union Station party last month.

He said the SA and Program Board will work closely with the Office of University Special Events to promote the gala like never before.

The student body, through the town hall meeting and other measures, has made it known that it wants Commencement to remain on the Golparvar said Commencement on the Ellipse will continue this

Freshman Tommy Davis is not as optimistic. "Judging from the administration's record, we are going to have to challenge them on this every year," he said.

"They say one thing and mean another," Davis said. "But now, if they've said it's going to be on the Ellipse, we're expecting to graduate there when we're seniors."

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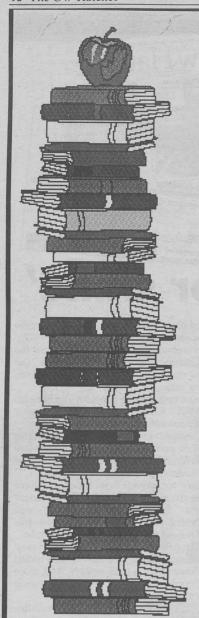
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"Employers can mingle with students and give students the opportunity to network," said Career Center Public Relations Coordinator Jonathan Klonsky.

The week will open with "Résumés for First Timers," in which students can learn how to create a résumé for internships and first jobs.

Career Cafe, which will be held Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Marvin Center Colonial Commons, is an informal coffee house during which liberal arts majors can interact with potential employers, Klonsky

A new Career Week event called "Interviewmania" will give students an opportunity to take a 20-minute practice interview followed by a 10minute critique.

The complete Career Week schedule can be found online at http://www.gwu.edu/~career.

-Laura Hertzfeld

CDs and CLs debate health care

College Democrats and College Libertarians argued health care funding during their "Great Health Care Debate" Wednesday night.

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"Health care should be a right in America, not a privilege," said CD member Robert Tankersley.

Both sides agreed that one of seven Americans lacks health care services, but disagreed about how to resolve the dilemma.

CLs said hospital privatization and medical savings accounts may be the answer.

"We're heading in the wrong direction," said CL member Eric Zimmerman. "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - I don't think that health care falls in there."

"We should be extremely cautious adopting (medical savings accounts), because there is no evidence to suggest that sort of system will work," Tankersley said.

CL President Lisa Stanowski said no need exists for everyone to pay higher taxes for Medicare and Medicaid.

"I strongly believe that Americans

give a lot to charity," she said.
—Danny Freedman

GW covers sex and the president

In the midst of scandal surrounding President Clinton, GW professors discussed "Sex, the Presidency and Public Policy" – and the latest trend of "politainment," or politics as enter-

Robert Stoker, associate professor of political science, said he saw an

"institutional change" during the Clinton presidency of questioning the credibility of a leader and holding him under suspicion and investiga-

"We have an undue reverence for law in America. We mistakenly view law as non-political." Stoker said this view puts the president under a microscope and holds him to higher standards than the rest of the popula-

Jean Folkerts, director of the School of Media and Public Affairs, said that 24-hour news coverage improves spot news coverage, but hinders the development of investigative news stories.

-Laura Hertzfeld

RHA auctions lottery picks Top pick goes for \$1,300 at Martha's Marathon

by Robert Luck

Hatchet Reporter

Freshmen Mike Kolaitis and Chris Voss bought the first pick in the residence hall lottery Friday at the Residence Hall Association's Martha's Marathon of Birthday Bargains.

"Initially I wasn't going for the number one pick," Kolaitis said. "But, when I saw it was auctioned off first and the excitement of the moment, I went for it."

Their purchase was just one of more than 60 donated items auctioned off at "Martha Goes to Monte Carlo" in the Marvin Center Ballroom. Other items up for bid ranged from lunch with a congressman, to autographed sports memorabilia, to a dinner cruise around the Potomac River. More than 200 students, faculty and staff attended

"All money raised tonight goes toward residential housing scholarships," said RHA President Randy Bomze.

In conjunction with the Office of Financial Assistance, the money Martha's Marathon raises goes toward subsidized housing for residence hall students and helps with any cost-of-living adjustments needed because of rising

"Last year we helped about 10 students," Bomze said. The event began in 1966 as an effort to raise money for the school library. It was held in the men's gymnasium and raised \$2,084. Today the event has ballooned into a \$17,000 fundraiser that, during its 32-year span, has raised \$300,000, according to the event's program.

The list of donors for the auction included campus organizations, student leaders, administrators, congressmen and a local embassy.

Kolaitis and Voss alone spent \$1,300 on their prize. Last year's first pick went for \$1,700.

"It was a financially sound decision," said Kolaitis, who split the cost with his roommate.

Kolaitis said the pair probably will live in a double in either Guthridge or JBKO next year.



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Study Abroad General Info Session, 4:30pm, Stuart 104, FREE. 1st step in study abroad process. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649

TUESDAY, 2/10

Protest This! Issue #2 Released!, across campus, FREE. Last time we thought you'd laugh, this time we're betting you'll yawn! Info? Patrick: notfunny@gwis2.

Two Sweethearts & a Kiss, 12-2pm & 4-6pm, MC grnd flr. National Society of Black Engineers fundraiser sale of Valentine's candy @ \$1.50 ea. Info? Nadia: nsbe@seas.gwu.edu.

Study Abroad Second Step Advising Session, 2:30pm, Stuart 104, FREE

Session for students who have selected study abroad program & attended general info session. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

GW Rugby Practice/Tryout, 4pm, 23rd & Constitution Ave., FREE. 1st official practice. Anyone may attend. Info? John @ 994-9507

GW Madrid Study Center Info Session, 6pm, Stuart 103, FREE. Come find out more about this GW campus in Madrid. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

Free Trip to Israel!, 7:30-8:30pm, MC 411, FREE. Learn what it takes to become an Avi Chai Fellow & discuss modern Judaism. Info? Hirsh @ (301)468-2501.

WEDNESDAY, 2/11
Two Sweethearts & a Kiss, 12-2pm & 4-6pm, MC grnd flr. National Society of Black Engineers fundraiser sale of Valentine's candy @ \$1.50 ea. Info? Nadia: nsbe@seas.gwu.edu.

The Rounds at GW Info Session, 2pm MC 407, FREE. All students interested in spending a day at the hospital w/ on-call team MUST attend this mtg. Info? Baran @ (703) 593-4357.

GW Rugby Practice/Tryout, 4pm, 23rd & Constitution Ave., FREE. Anyone may attend. Info? John @ 994-9507.

Remember What You're Taught, 4:10-5:10pm, 2033 K St., Suite 330, FREE. Learn to improve your short-term & long-term memory. Info? GW Counseling Center @ 994-5300.

GW Fine Arts Faculty Emeriti Exhibition: Arthur Hall Smith & Douglas H. Teller, 5-7pm, Dimock Gallery, Lower Lisner Aud., FREE. Opening reception for art exhibit running from 2/12-3/19. Info? Lenore @ 994-1525.

Web Workshop I, 6:30pm, Gelman B04F, \$10 for series. Part 1 of 3-part series. Sponsored by National Society of Black Engineers. Info? Nadia: nsbe@qwis2.circ.qwu.edu.

Telecomm. Industry & Excel Comm., Inc., 7-9pm, MC 3rd Floor (University Club, Kayser Room), FREE. Borry Epstein, independent rep of Excel Comm. will speak about telecomm industry & Excel Comm., Inc. Refreshments. Info?

Pre-Law Society General Body Mtg., 7:30pm, Fngr 220, FREE. Discuss schedule of events. Info? Stephania

Demet @ 861-5869.

THURSDAY, 2/12 Study Abroad General Info Session, 11am, Stuart 104, FREE. 1st step in study abroad process. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

Two Sweethearts & a Kiss, 12-2pm & 4-6pm, MC grnd flr. National Society of Black Engineers fundraiser sale of Valentine's candy @ \$1.50 ea. Info? Nadia: nsbe@seas.gwu.edu.

Using Leadership Skills in Your Career, 4:10-5:30, MC 402-404, FREE. Mark Gearan, Director of the Peace Corps, will speak about how he used leadership skills to excel in his career. Info? Student Activities Center @ 995-6555.

Biology Club General Body Mtg., 7pm, MC 409, FREE. Find out what's going on in biology club & what's planned for semester. Everyone invited. Info? Mary Ann @ 676-4920.

Prime Time, 8pm, MC 403, FREE. Weekly gathering of Christian students & those who want to know more about Jesus for worship, to hear talk on Christian life in college, & prayer. Info? Will @ 783-2663 or IYCF Office @ 994-7102.

FRIDAY, 2/13

Blood Drive, 10am-4pm, Thurston Hall Piano Lounge, FREE. All donors receive free T-shirt & goodies for Valentine's Day Sponsored by Biological Honor Society. Info? Rupal @ 994-9465.

Study Abroad Second Step Advising Session, 11:30am, Stuart 104, FREE. Session for students who have selected study abroad program & attended general info session. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

Study Abroad General Info Session, 2pm, Stuart 104, FREE. 1st step in study abroad process. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649

Study Abroad in Latin America, 2pm,/Stuart 103, FREE. Get more info on the GW Exchange programs in Latin America. Info? Alayne @ 994-1649.

GW Rugby Practice/Tryout, 4pm/, 23rd & Constitution Ave., FREE. Anyone may attend. Info? John @ 994-9507.

Deadline for JEC Petitions & Peclarations of Candidacy, 5pm, JEC office, MC 433, along w/\$50 cash deposit paid to Student Activities Center. Info? JEC @ 994-5953.

Meet the Candidates, 8pm, Fngr 103, FREE. Meet registered student candidates, mingle, & share opinions & ideas. Sponsored by JEC. Info JEC @ 994-5953

Ballet Hispanico, 8pm/Lisner Aud. Tickets \$11-14 w/student ID @ MC Newsstand; \$22-28 all others through ProTix (703) 218-6500 or WPAS (202) 833-9800



SATURDAY, 2/14 Ballet Hispanico, 8pm, Joner Aud. Preperformance discussion by Tina Ramirez, artistic director, at 7pm. Tickets \$11-14 W/student ID @ MC Newsstand; \$22-28 all others through ProTix (703) 218-6500 or WPAS (202) 833-9800.

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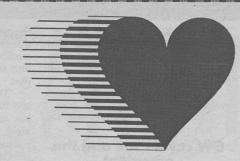
EC Office Hours, February 9-13, 9-5pm, AC 433, FREE. Info? JEC @ 994-5953.

Call for Papers & Participants for "10th Annual Conference on Peacemaking, Diversity, & Social Change." Conference to be held February 21, time 18A, Trinity University. Capital Area Association of Peace Studies (CAPPS) is looking for participants & students to present papers on variety of topics relating to peacemaking, diversity, & Social change. Sponsored by Peace Studies Dept. Info? Professor Churchill @ 994-8684; RPCHURCH@gwis2 or Melissa @ 333-5339; sawyerm@gwis2.

Mad March Mix-Off, March 3, 9-11pm, MC Ballroom, FREE. Alcohol-free drink competitions, offering prizes & drink samples. Info? Dana @ 994-6688.

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Darin Green and the Colonials entered the top 25 in both the Associated Press Poll and the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll last

Colonials win two more in Philadelphia

by Dave Mann Sports Editor

The GW men's basketball team has been winning games in bunches this season. Its latest winning streak reached seven games with victories at La Salle Thursday and St. Joseph's Saturday.

The Colonials, ranked 22nd in the nation by the Associated Press, have not lost since a 31-point defeat in Massachusetts Jan. 10. GW improved its record to 20-3 overall and 9-1 in the Atlantic 10. In all, the Colonials have won 15 of their last 16 games and remain in first place in the Atlantic 10 West Division.

GW returns to the Smith Center Tuesday to play 21st-ranked Rhode Island. The Colonials have six games remaining before the A-10 Tournament, and they need five more wins to break the school record of 24 victories in a season set by the 1954-'55 Colonials.

The only bad news for GW was that freshman Mike King sprained his ankle Thursday at La Salle. King did not play against St. Joe's and is listed as day-to-day. King is walking without crutches and may play against Rhode Island Tuesday, according to the Washington Post.

GW 67, St. Joe's 62

Yegor Mescheriakov scored 17 points, and Shawnta Rogers had 16 points, 6 rebounds and 4 steals to lead GW to its seventh-straight victory, a 67-62 win at St. Joe's Saturday

The Colonials led by 20 points midway through the second half and held off a furious rally by the Hawks (8-12, 1-9 A-10) to hold on for their first win at Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse since 1991.

Mescheriakov had his best game since returning from an ankle injury two games ago. Mescheriakov made only six of his 16 shots, but hit several important baskets in the final minutes to help preserve the win. Mescheriakov and forward Antxon Iturbe (10 points, 7 rebounds) helped make up for King's absence.

With nine minutes left in the game, the Colonials led 52-32. However, St. Joe's then went on a 24-8 run. Senior guard Rashid Bey's three-pointer with 1:30 remaining cut the GW lead to 60-56. Mescheriakov followed with a jump shot and two free throws to put the Colonials up by six points.

However, the Hawks came back again. Bey made a layup and after a

(See GW, p. 17)

Colonial women dispatch Lady Rams in A-10 play Gomez and Aguilar combine for 53 points in victory

by Dustin Gouker

Sports Editor

The lowly Fordham Lady Rams, who currently have the worst record in the

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Fordham 51 should not have been able to give conference powerhouse GW much of a game.

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Somebody forgot to tell Fordham, though. The Lady Rams kept the game close until early in the second half – when GW pulled away and won handily, 73-51, Friday night at the Smith Center.

The Colonial women (14-7, 8-3 A-10) took a 35-28 lead into half-time, but Fordham came out of the break aggressively. The Lady Rams scored the first six points of the second half to cut GW's lead to 35-34, capped by a beautifully executed back-cut layup by Malyssa Thorngren.

On GW's next possession, point guard Elisa Aguilar drilled a three-pointer to stop the bleeding, but head coach Joe McKeown wanted to ensure his team was back on track by calling a 20-second time-

"I just screamed at them and said, 'Are you going to play tonight?' " McKeown said. GW responded, outscoring Fordham (4-18, 2-10 A-10) 24-6 during a 10-minute span after the timeout to take a commanding 62-42 lead. Aguilar keyed the run with a couple of three-pointers and back-to-back fast break layups near the midway point of the half.

The Colonial women once again were carried by their two Spanish players, Aguilar and junior forward Noelia Gomez, who scored 25 and 28 points respectively. Gomez also registered her third double-double of the season, with 12 rebounds to go along with her game-high point total. The two Spaniards outscored Fordham 53-51 in the game.

The first half was dominated by the Spaniards as they combined for 30 of GW's 35 first-half points. Aguilar and Gomez accounted for all of GW's scoring during a 14minute span in the first half.

"My two Spanish kids, sometimes it just looks like they're playing two-on-five," McKeown said. "We need help, and we need other people to step up for us to be a good team. (Chasity) Myers has to give us double-figures, (Marlo) Egleston has to get seven or eight points and (Mandisa) Turner can't be 1-for-6 otherwise we're just not that good."

No other GW player contributed much to the win. The other eight Colonial women shot a combined 7-for-30 from the field and scored just 20 points.

GW also had problems from the free throw line as it made just nine of its 18 attempts. The Colonial women are shooting 67 percent from the foul line on the season.

"We should hit 80 percent of our free throws," McKeown said. "If we have to practice eight hours a day on free throws, that's what we're going to do. If you see my team at 6 a.m. walking into the gym, you'll know why."

While the Colonial women struggled on offense, they excelled in other parts of the game. They committed a season-low 10 turnovers and held the Lady Rams to less than 30-percent shooting from the field, including 0-for-6 from behind the three-point line. A tough man-to-man defense stymied Fordham's offense, although the Lady Rams did get to the foul line 27 times and made 23 free throws.

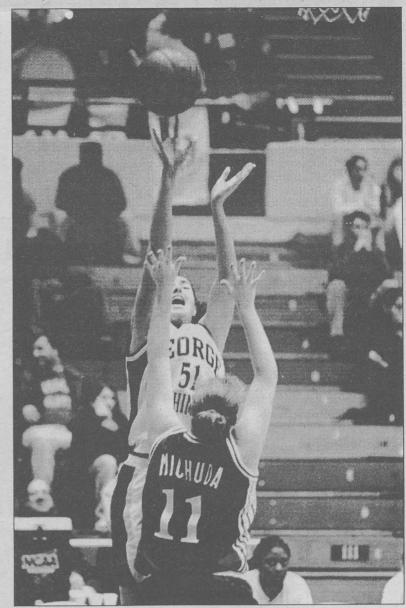
GW's bench became a little deeper Friday night. Sophomore Katarina Baskova and junior Khadija Deas, who both had been sidelined for several weeks with injuries, dressed for the game, though neither saw any playing time

"It's encouraging to just have them (Baskova and Deas) around and on the bench," McKeown said. "There's been a lot of empty seats down there, and now we're starting to fill them up. When we do get Khadija back, she's the best center in the Atlantic 10, and I think you'll see a different team."

GW will need the added depth as it nears the Atlantic 10 Tournament. The Colonial women face Temple Monday. The Lady Owls are the only A-10 team, other than GW, to defeat both A-10 East Division leader St. Joseph's and West Division leader Duquesne.

"We can't look past anybody," McKeown said. "We're still the biggest game on the schedule for a lot of teams. We went undefeated last season and these teams and these coaches remember that."

-See women's boxscore, p. 16.



Junior Noelia Gomez shoots over Fordham's Beth Michuda Friday. Gomez had 28 points and 12 rebounds to lead GW to a 73-51 win.

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Fordham-Percentages: FG. 298, FT. 852. Three-point goals: 0-6, .000. Blocked shots: 1 (Thorngren). Assists: 9 (Lambert 5). Turnovers: 19 (Lambert, Thorngren 5). Steals: 4 (McCabe 2). GW-Percentages: FG. 460, FT. 500. Three-point goals: 6-13 (Gomez 1-2, Aguilar 5-8), .462. Blocked shots: 6 (Turner 4). Assists: 20 (Egleston, Reid 4). Turnovers: 10 (Egleston 4). Steals: 9 (Turner 3).

GW	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Iturbe	28	4-6	6	3	8
Mescheriakov	26	5-11	4	3 2 3	12
Koul	35	3-5	6	3	12
King	26	6-12	7	2 2	12
Rogers	33	5-7	6	2	13
Eyal	7	1-1	0	0	3
Krivonos	12	2-4	1	4	4 7
de Miranda	17	3-8	8	2	
Green	1	2-2	1	0	6
Hazzard	5	1-1	1	0	5
Camara	10	0-3	0	2	0
TOTALS	200	32-60	47	20	82
La Salle	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Wesson	37	9-16	11	4	21
Gizzi	35	3-11	5	3	15
Bragg	. 18	0-4	3	3	0
Carr	40	7-17	2	4	22
Smith	33	1-8		4	3
Landgren	3	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas	25	1-6	2	2	2
Jordan	9	1-1	3	0	2
TOTALS	1200	122-63	132	20	65
GW 41	41	82		Bi	
La Salle 22 GW-Percenta	43	65		3/2	

GW-Percentages: FG. 533, FT. 571. Three-point goals: 6-10 (Mescheriakov 1-1, Rogers 3-4, Eyal 1-1, Hazzard 1-1), 600. Blocked shots: 4 (Koul, de Miranda 2). Assists: 20 (Rogers 5). Turnovers: 17 (Mescheriakov 6). Steals: 5 (Mescheriakov 2).

La Salle-Percentages: FG .349, FT .762. Three-point goals: 5-24 (Gizzi 2-4, Carr 2-10, Smith 1-4), .208. Blocked shots: 5 (Wesson 3). Assists: 114 (Carr 7). Turnovers: 10 (Carr 4). Steals: 9 (Four with 2).

GW	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Iturbe	30	5-6	7	2	10
Mescheriakov	35	6-16	3	2 2 4	17
Koul	32	3-8	6 2 6		8
Camara	15	2-4	2	2	6
Rogers	37	3-9		2	16
Eyal	5	0-0	0	0	0
Krivonos	24	0-0	2 5	3	2
de Miranda	16	3-3		3 5 1	6
Green	1	0-0	1	1	0
Brade	4	0-0	0	0	2
Hazzard	1 -	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	22-46	35	21	67
St. Joe's	MIN	FG	REB	PF	PTS
Simmonds	37	3-9	2	5	10
Haskins	28	2-7	6	4	9
Rasul	36	5-8	5	3	12
Bey	40	6-15	4	2	17
Woods	18	1-2	0	4	3
Brown	17	1-5	0	0	2
Wilkins	23	3-6	6	2	7
Ikenokwalu	1	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS	200	121-52	126	22	62
GW 33	34	67			
St. Joe's 21	41	62			

GW-Percentages: FG .478, FT .655. Three-point oals: 4-8 (Mescheriakov 1-4, Camara 2-3, Rogers -1), .500. Blocked shots: 1 (Koul). Assists: 16 (Koul, Rogers 4). Steals: 5

(Rogers 4). St. Joe's-Percentages: FG 404, FT .737. Threepoint goals: 6-20 (Simmonds 2-4, Haskins 1-2, Bey 3-8), .300. Blocked shots: 2 (Simmonds, Rasul), Assists: 12 (Simmonds 5). Turnovers: 15 (Bey, Wilkins 3). Steals: 6 (Bey, Woods 2).

George Washington women Vs. Temple Smith Center, Monday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

The Colonial women return to the Smith Center Monday to play Temple. The Lady Owls are 10-12 overall and 3-9 in the Atlantic 10. Temple was 10-18 last season. The Lady Owls are led by Jen Ricco, whose 18.4 points-per-game average ranks her third in the A-10. Dawn Ingram leads the team in rebounding, averaging 7.1 rebounds-pergame. GW is 14-7 and 8-3 in the A-10. The Colonial women are second in the A-10 West Division, trailing only Duquesne.

George Washington men vs. Rhode Island

Smith Center, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 9:30 p.m., ESPN2

The Colonials play 21st-ranked Rhode Island Tuesday in a match up of two of the Atlantic 10's best teams. GW enters the game as one of the hottest teams in the nation. The Colonials have won seven straight games and 15 of their last 16. GW is ranked 22nd by the Associated Press. The Rams are corning off a 67-66 win over St. Bonaventure Sunday and are 16-4 on the season. Rhode Island is led by its backcourt of Cuttino Mobley (16.1 points per game) and Tyson Wheeler (14.6 ppg and 6.3 assists per game). Wheeler can create plays off the dribble and shoot from the outside. He set a school record with nine three-pointers in a game at St. Joseph's earlier this year. Mobley is equally good from behind the arc. He makes 40 percent of his three-pointers and made eight three-pointers in a game against Temple earlier this season. In the front court, the Rams are led by Antonio Reynolds-Dean's 11.5 ppg and 7.5 rebounds per game.

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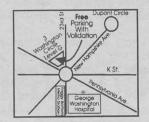
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Sports Briefs

Women's tennis opens spring season at Cornell

The GW women's tennis team opened the spring season with a first- and two second-place finishes at the Cornell Invitational Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

women's tennis

Julie Kim won the "A" singles tournament with a 6-3, 6-1 win in the final. Kim reached the final round with a 6-2, 6-1 win in the semifinals and a 6-2, 6-3 win in the quarter-finals.

In the "A" doubles tournament, Kim and Sarah Weingarten reached the finals before losing 9-8 to the doubles team from Cornell. The doubles draws

Weingarten finished second in the "B" singles tournament, losing a close three-set match in the finals 7-6 (11-8), 5-7, 6-0. St. Bonaventure, Bloomsburg

University, Central Connecticut College, the University of Vermont,

Hockey club defeats Georgetown, Pitt

The Colonial hockey club defeated defending league champion Georgetown University 7-3 Jan. 31 and the University of Pittsburgh 5-0

The Colonials are contending for first place in the Mason-Dixon Collegiate Hockey Association. GW tied Georgetown 4-4

earlier in the season, but two goals each from Bryce Wendel and Matt

Schliftman lifted GW to the win. Georgetown was undefeated in the league

The Colonial women were without number-one player Helen Andrews,

Massachusetts and Army also competed in the three-day event.

Saturday

from p. 15

GW turnover, forward Duval Simmonds made two free throws to pull the Hawks to within 64-62.

With 30 seconds remaining, Rogers was fouled and made two free throws. St. Joe's reserve Frank Wilkins was then fouled, but missed both free throws to give the Colonials the ball back with a 66-62 lead and only 20 seconds left. Rogers made one more free throw to seal the win.

Bey led the Hawks with 17 points but was held scoreless in the first half. GW shot 61 percent in the first half and led 33-21 at halftime.

GW 82, La Salle 65

Shawnta Rogers led four Colonials with double-digit scoring figures as GW topped La Salle 82-65

used an eight-game pro-set format.

La Salle (7-13, 3-8 A-10) shot only 31 percent in the first half and trailed 41-22 at halftime. GW shot 53 percent for the game and never let the Explorers get close during the second

The Colonials were led by Rogers' 13 points, while Yegor Mescheriakov, Alexander Koul and Mike King each had 12 points. King played 26 minutes, but sprained his ankle late in the second half and left

La Salle made only 35 percent of its shots in the game and was outrebounded 47-32. Donnie Carr and K'Zell Wesson were the only Explorers who shot more than 40 percent. Carr finished with 22 points,

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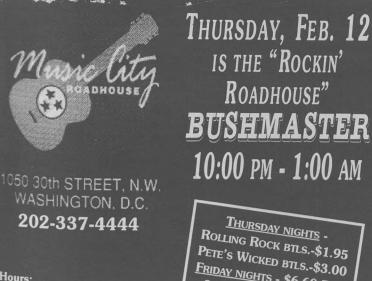
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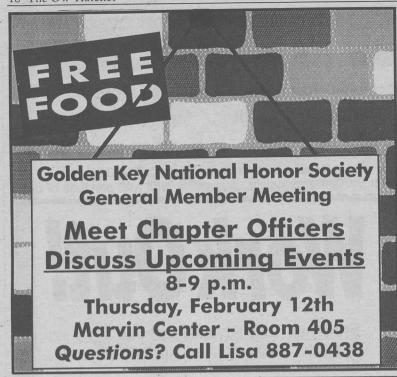


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Two freshmen step up to provide valuable minutes for GW women

by Jamie Lin Hatchet Sports Writer

With several GW women's bas-ketball players injured this season, women's basketball two freshmen have stepped up to fill sidelined shoes.

Freshmen Corrin Reid from Alexandria, Va. and Leslie Carlson from Newington, Conn. have seen their roles on the team change with increased playing time.

You come in here as a freshman to a place like this and you're expected to do well, but I've had to mature and step up a lot more than I thought I'd have to this year because of all the injuries," Reid said.

After shaking off the initial pres-

sure, Reid has started to show more composure on the court. She played a career-high 23 minutes during Friday's game against Fordham, and contributed four assists. The athletic 5-10 guard is aggressive both defensively and offensively - and has the ability to drive inside

'She does a lot of positive things, I'm real happy with her progress," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "She gets better every day, and I'm really excited about her future."

At Dayton Jan. 24, she scored a career-high seven points and grabbed four rebounds. She also came away with three steals against St. Joseph's Feb. 1.

I keep working hard, and the coach sees that I just try to bring a lot of defense and pressure to the game," Reid said.

After playing well in earlier games Carlson, a 6-4 center, earned a start against Dayton. She made her first collegiate start an impressive one by scoring a career-high 12 points on 6-of-10 shooting, and grab-

bing seven rebounds.

"She's hanging in there,"

McKeown said. "She gave us a big



Freshman Corrin Reid, a first team All-District selection in high school a year ago, has been a valuable addition to the Colonial women this season.

lift on the road in Ohio (against Xavier and Dayton)." McKeown said he feels that with more experience and learning from the veterans on the team, Carlson will improve.

"She needs to play more games, she needs competition every day," McKeown said. Carlson also started against George Mason, where she contributed with two blocks and

four points.

GW's veterans have played a

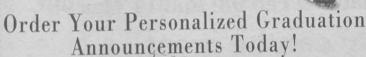
major role in the development of these two freshmen.

"They keep telling me to keep my head up, and everything will fall into place," Reid said. "They're my home away from home.'

All the playing time this duo is getting can only be positive for their futures and the team's future.

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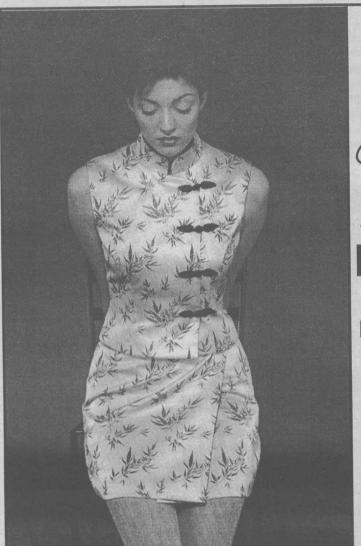


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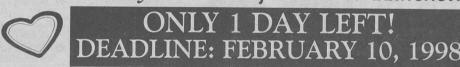
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